



# NORTHERN BERKSHIRE YOUTH HOCKEY 2025 Spring Fling Tournament

The Northern Berkshire Youth Hockey Tournament Committee members extend our warmest greetings and welcome you to our 2025 tournament. Upon arrival, please report to the tournament registration booth in the rink lobby to check in. Tournament staff will assist you with the locker room assignments and answer any questions that you may have.

**The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the scheduled times of games, if necessary, to accommodate tournament structure and/or ice availability.**

## **10U|12U|14U|18U Tournament Rules**

The tournament will be played under USA Hockey 2024-2025 rules unless exceptions are taken herein. All periods will be stop-time. A three-minute warm-up period will be allowed before the start of each game. **Due to ice availability, games may start up to 15 minutes before the published time in the most recent official schedule.**

- Teams must provide roster stickers for each game.
- Each playing team must provide one person to run their penalty box during designated game times.
- Ice will be made at the start of each game.
- Team coaches must have their players dressed and ready to play 15 minutes prior to the published game times.
- Home teams are listed first. The home team should wear their dark-colored jersey. The away team should wear their light (white) colored jersey.
- Players will be removed from the game on their 3rd penalty. The penalty will be served by a player on the ice at the time of the infraction.
- No protests of the referee's decision will be allowed. Protest on rules shall be directed to the Tournament Director(s).
- A "Mercy Rule" will be enacted if a team is ahead by 5 or more goals in the third period, at which time the clock will convert to running time for the duration of the third period. If the differential of 5 or more points disappears, the clock will revert to stop time. This rule **WILL NOT** apply to the Championship games.
- There will be **no timeouts in round robin play. However, each team will be allowed one one-minute timeout** in the Championship game.
- 10U All Games / 12U Round Robin / 14U Round Robin / 18U Round Robin: 12:00 minute periods—1:30 minor penalty—4:00 minute major penalty—6:00 minute period misconduct
- 18U Championship / 14U Championship / 12U Championship: 15:00 minute periods—2:00 minor penalty—5:00 minute major penalty—10:00 minute misconduct
- 18U Rule Modification: Delayed offsides and no icing calls on the penalty kill will be allowed
- Any coach or player receiving a "Game Misconduct" will be ejected for the balance of that game and the preceding game.

- Locker rooms must have all trash and tape picked up. Also, NO food or drinks are allowed in locker rooms (water bottles excluded)

## **Points and Tie Breaking Procedures**

- 2 Points will be awarded for a win.
- 1 Point will be awarded for a tie.
- 0 Points will be awarded for a loss.

Round Robin tournament games will end in a tie. If two or more teams have equal points, the following tie-breaking procedure will be applied.

1. Head-to-Head Competition
2. Least Goals Allowed
3. Most Goals Scored
4. Fewest Penalty Minutes
5. Coin Toss

## **Championship Games**

In the event of a tie in the Championship game, a 5-minute sudden-death overtime period will be played; this will be a 4 on 4. If the game is still tied at the end of the first overtime, a 4-minute sudden-death overtime period will be played; this will be a 3 on 3. If, at the end of the second overtime, a shootout will take place. Each team's starting 5 players in the Championship game will alternate shots. The home team will shoot first. If after 5 players from each team have shot and the score is still tied, each team will alternate shots until one team takes a one-goal advantage. All players must shoot before a player can reenter the shootout. If one team has used all of its available players and a tie still exists, both teams may use already shot players. The team with the advantage will be the game-winner.

## **Zero-Tolerance**

**Anyone (player, coach, or spectator) who verbally abuses officials, players, parents, tournament staff, rink staff, or other spectators will be removed from the rink. Also, at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or NBYHL Board of Directors, individuals who violate the zero-tolerance policy may be removed for the duration of the tournament. No refunds will be given.**

**NOTE: TEAM OFFICIALS and HEAD COACHES  
must keep control of their team and fans.**

***Parents and coaches, Please remember this tournament is for the  
KIDS TO ENJOY AND HAVE FUN, WIN OR LOSE!***